Forfeiture of Ill-gotten Property

2354. SHRI H. K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing to enact a law providing for forfeiture of ill-gotten property as per recommendation of the Law Commission; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) The Law Commission recommended enactment of a law providing for forfeiture of ill-gotten property, *vide* its 166th Report titled "The Corrupt Public Servants (Forfeiture of Property) Bill." The Report has been examined and it has been felt that enactment of a separate legislation for confiscating the illegally—acquired assets of public servants may not be the solution of the problem. It would be more appropriate to strengthen the anti-corruption law by plugging the loopholes as well as by amending the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 suitably to make it more deterrent to achieve the objective.

Complaint against "Mekaster Group" companies

2355. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that complaints have been received against a number of companies under the "MEKASTER GROUP" for default not only in the matter of payment of salary to its employees but also irregularities in the matter of deposit of money in the Employees Provident Fund;

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken in the matter in order to protect the interest of the humble employees as well as to prevent violation of statutory provisions; and

(c) if not, whether Government will have the matter investigated?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and laid on the table of the House.